

City of Blue Lake  
City Council Regular Meeting  
Skinner Store – 111 Greenwood Ave., Blue Lake, CA  
September 22, 2015  
MINUTES

The Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Jean Lynch, John Sawatzky, Adelene Jones, Michele McCall-Wallace, Stephen Kullmann

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: City Clerk April Sousa, Assistant City Manager Vicki Hutton

**Motion to Approve the Agenda**

Councilmember Kullmann *motioned to approve the agenda as presented.* Councilmember Lynch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input**

none

**Proclamation Workplace Bullies Week**

Councilmember Jones *motioned to proclaim Freedom of Workplace Bullies week as October 18-24.*

Councilmember Kullmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor McCall-Wallace read the proclamation out loud.

**Resolution No. 1063: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Providing for the Approval Process of Fundraising for a Public Purpose by Community Members**

Changes to Resolution 1063 were discussed. The public gave input on proposed changes.

Councilmember Jones *motioned to accept Resolution No. 1063 exchanging the term “City Purpose” for “Public Purpose” wherever that occurred and adding the Mayor’s suggested language for process number 1: detailing projects, and number 5: concerning all purchases.* Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Logger Bar Departmental Reports**

Mayor McCall-Wallace gave an overview of the agenda item. Kate Martin, the owner of the Logger Bar and Blue Lake resident, spoke with council regarding what she has done so far to mitigate the noise.

Clarification was made to the public that Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) is an independent organization and that City Council has no regulation over the ABC.

Some concerns regarding the actions taken by the Sheriff Deputies was voiced by the public. Mediation was discussed as a possible option. It was mentioned that neighbors talking together was preferable. The City Council is not able to solve neighbor disputes.

Mayor McCall-Wallace shared ideas to lower the noise levels which she had gathered from others through electronic sources.

A measurable standard for a reasonable level of noise was discussed.

Ordinance 457, which was mentioned in the supporting documents, was discussed. It was suggested to get more information on how Ordinance 457, the City’s nuisance abatement ordinance, would be applicable to the Logger Bar. It was noted this would best come from the City Planner, not the Planning Commission.

Mayor McCall-Wallace reviewed the direction to staff regarding Ordinance 457 as well as stated, as Sheriff Liaison, she would speak to law enforcement regarding the non-conforming use status of the logger as well as past actions.

At the end of the discussion, Councilmember Jones mentioned she would be open to being a third party assist in this matter. A member of the public also suggested arbitration.

### **City Manager Recruitment: Council Application Review Process and Scoring Sheets**

Mayor McCall-Wallace gave an overview of the process.

Councilmembers Kullmann and Sawatzky volunteered to assemble the packets of applications on October 5, 2015.

A scoring sheet for review was discussed. It was noted this could be performed after the initial application review and in time for the phone interviews.

A special closed session meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at 5:15 p.m., prior to the regular council meeting. Council is to rank the applicants, and bring back to the special meeting.

### **Appoint a Committee to Look at Budget Revision in Regards to Loss of Revenue**

Mayor McCall-Wallace gave an overview as to what a committee would be doing for this agenda item.

Councilmember Sawatzky and Lynch asked to be a part of the committee.

### **Consent Agenda**

Item 9d: Acceptance of AB 52 Information from Blue Lake Rancheria was pulled by Councilmember Kullmann.

Item 9b: Staff Report on Rose Bush for Lana Manzanita Memorial Destination was pulled by Councilmember Jones.

Councilmember Sawatzky *motioned to accept the remaining Consent Agenda items: item a: Minutes from September 8, 2015, item c: Agreement for Bus Transportation Services, and item e: National Rural Water Association (NRWA) Revolving Loan to Fund SCADA.* Councilmember Kullmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Staff Report on Rose Bush for Lana Manzanita Memorial Destination**

After discussion, Councilmember Kullmann *motioned to place the memorial rose in front of Skinner Store (accept item 9b).* Councilmember Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Acceptance of AB 52 Information from Blue Lake Rancheria**

Councilmember Kullmann discussed some concerns regarding the requirements of AB 52 and whether they were being discussed in the Planning Commission. Assistant City Manager Hutton and City Clerk Sousa mentioned that this was discussed in the general plan update at the last Planning Commission meeting.

Clarification was made regarding when and how the Tribe would be contacted before activity began. It was noted that AB52 formalizes the process to preserve cultural resource areas.

Councilmember Sawatzky asked for clarification on communication with tribe. As tribal liaison, Councilmember Sawatzky would communicate with the tribe if Council needs.

Councilmember Sawatzky *motion to accept item 9d: Acceptance of AB 52 Information from Blue Lake Rancheria.* Councilmember Kullmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Reports of Council and Staff**

Councilmember Jones reported on attending the Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA). She asked alternate Councilmember Sawatzky to fill out the performance evaluation form on Director Jill Duffy, as she was new to the board and did not feel comfortable filling out such form.

Councilmember Lynch reported on the recent celebration for the Party Room at Prasch Hall, and the recent priority setting meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission. She passed out a list of the priorities from the commission. She also reported on the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) meeting where Community Choice Aggregation was discussed. Councilmember Lynch noted that this week was also Constitution Week.

Councilmember Sawatzky had nothing to report. He asked if Councilmember Kullmann would fill out the evaluation form for HWMA Director Duffy, as Councilmember Kullmann was the primary prior to Councilmember Jones taking this role. Councilmember Kullmann agreed to fill out the evaluation.

Councilmember Kullmann had nothing to report.

Mayor McCall-Wallace stated that she hasn't been bringing any new bills to the attention of the Council, but as the time for voting on these bills gets closer, she will. She noted that there was no Public Safety Commission meeting as there was no quorum. She also reported on the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) meeting where they discussed possible ways to obtain extra funding for streets, either by trying to pass a County-wide sales tax or by hiring a lobbyist for this cause. Mayor McCall-Wallace would like to have this discussed at the next Council meeting. Mayor McCall-Wallace mentioned that she has an art opening during Arts Alive in Eureka.

Assistant City Manager Hutton reported that recent problems at the Cemetery were being handled by our Sheriff Deputy and that 650 Chartin Way was scheduled to be re-secured.

### **Future Agenda Items**

It was requested that due to the special meeting prior to the regular Council meeting on October 13, 2015 the agenda be kept light.

The future agenda items are as follows:

- HCAOG Discussion for Street Funds
- Logger Bar Update: Ordinance 457 as applicable to Logger Bar

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Councilmember Kullmann *motioned to adjourn*. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

April Sousa,  
City Clerk